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necessarily.      What is the purpose of that kind of language?  
What are they seeking to protect?

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Time, Senator Beutler. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Stuhr, on AM29...sorry, Mr. Clerk, you may read some items.

CLERK:      Senator, if I may? Excuse me. Thank you. Hearing notice, Mr. President, from the Education Committee. Amendments: Senator Schrock to LB 1226A; Senator Beutler to LB 57. Enrollment and Review reports LB 1107, LB 1148, LB 1038, LB 904, LB 965A, LB 990A, LB 956A, all to Select File. Thank you. (Legislative Journal pages 1320-1329.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do stand in support of the Education Committee, and I just quickly want to make two points; that I also share the concerns that have been expressed about accountability. I think any time we're dealing with this public and private partnership that we need to build in some accountability, so I hope that that is addressed before it reaches...or, as we discuss it on Select File. I also have received several letters from constituents in my district who have stated that there are thousands of parents who are doing a wonderful job raising their children, and they are concerned about a government program and not wanting to place their children in this program. And what I want to say and explain, that this is a voluntary program and that it is aimed at our high-risk children. I think that it will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to learn some of the skills related to child development in all of the different stages. And I won't continue, but those were the two points that I wished to make as I support this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. On with discussion. Senator Combs, followed by Senator Brown.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of the Education Committee amendment and the bill. Early childhood intervention is extremely